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Substitute Senate Bill No. 222

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist. and SEN. GUGLIELMO of the 35th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 29-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 For the purposes of this part and any other statute related to fire
- 4 prevention and safety, the Commissioner of Administrative Services
- 5 shall appoint a person to serve as the State Fire Marshal. The
- 6 commissioner may delegate such powers as the commissioner deems
- 7 expedient for the proper administration of this part and any other
- 8 statute related to fire prevention and safety to any employee of (1) the
- 9 Department of Administrative Services, [and] (2) The University of
- 10 Connecticut at Storrs Division of Public Safety, provided the
- 11 commissioner and the president of The University of Connecticut enter
- 12 into a memorandum of understanding concerning such delegation of

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powers in accordance with section 10a-109ff, and (3) the Connecticut

- 14 Airport Authority upon any premises, road or land under the control
- of the authority, provided the commissioner and the executive director
- 16 of the authority enter into a memorandum of understanding
- 17 <u>concerning such delegation of powers</u>.
- Sec. 2. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 20 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection 21 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone 22 or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or 23 controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission, 24 during [his] the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons 25 designated by such company who, having been sworn, may act at the 26 expense of such company as [policemen] police officers upon the 27 premises used or occupied by such company in its business, or upon 28 any highway adjacent to such premises, for the proper protection of 29 such plant or property, and each [policeman] police officer so 30 appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any 31 person in [his] the police officer's precinct for any offense committed 32 therein. [Said] The commissioner may exercise such supervision and 33 direction over any [policeman] police officer appointed as herein 34 provided as [he] the commissioner deems necessary. When any such 35 commission is issued or revoked, [said] the commissioner shall notify 36 the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is 37 intended that such [policeman] police officer shall act.
 - (b) [Said] The commissioner may, upon the application of any railroad, express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park, or upon the application of the Connecticut Airport Authority, commission, during [his] the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated by such company, [or by such] corporation or authority, who, having been sworn, may act, at the

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expense of such company, [or] corporation or authority, as [policemen] police officers upon the premises used by such company or authority in its business, or upon its cars, [or] vessels or airplanes, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the control of such corporation or authority, and each [policeman] police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in [his] the police officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. When any such commission is issued or revoked, [said] the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such [policeman] police officer shall act. Each such [policeman] police officer shall, when on duty, wear in plain view a shield bearing the words "railroad police", "steamboat police", "express company police" or "special police", as the case may be, and the name of the company, corporation or authority for which [he] the police officer is commissioned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	29-291
Sec. 2	from passage	29-19

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is expected to be no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which provides the commissioners of the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to delegate powers to Connecticut Airport Authority employees related to fire prevention and policing, respectively.

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Municipal Impact: None

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the administrative services commissioner to delegate to any Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) employee such powers as she deems expedient to properly administer any fire prevention and safety statute on CAA-controlled property. The delegation must be made under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the commissioner and the authority's executive director. The commissioner already may delegate such powers, under existing law and an MOU, to the UConn Public Safety Division.

The bill also allows the emergency services and public protection commissioner, in her discretion, to commission, upon CAA's application, people designated by the authority to serve as sworn police officers with arrest powers on property, business, and airplanes owned or controlled by the authority.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 17 Nay 8 (03/16/2018)